

THE SHAKERITE

SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL, SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

April 26, 1940

CANDIDATES--For President:



Bob Falls

Platform: "Every student will get more out of Shaker by contributing more. Therefore I propose a program of high enthusiasm and keen interest in all school activities including closer cooperation with our excellent Student Council."

Record: Former president of the Sophomore Dramatic Club, president of the Junior class, member of the Student Council, the Congressional Club, the Jr. Sr. Dramatic Club, and the A Cappella, vice president of Alpha Hi-Y, and Track.

Platform: "I will further organize the Loyalty League and Union and set up certain hours and places when and where the various units can meet. Groups would meet often, having definite goals and objectives to strive for."

Record: Former president of the Junior High School, member of the Congressional Club, the "Shakerite," and the Scribbler's League, Budget Book salesman for two years.

Platform: "I will endeavor to create and maintain an alert and progressive government that will cooperate fully with the entire student body. Also Shakerism will be further expanded and developed if I am elected."

Record: Booster captain, member of the Central Committee, and the Civics Committee of the Student Council (volunteer member), noon public address operator, Football, and Track.

Platform: "I propose to have three Open Houses next year. I will maintain the League and Union on a more active basis. There will be more pep assemblies and the committee-volunteer plan will be enlarged."

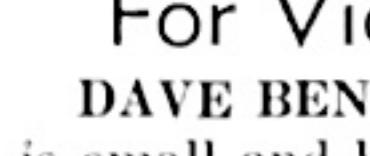
Record: Secretary of the Student Council, only Junior on the Shakerism cabinet, Congressional Club member, Cheerleader, Public Address engineer, Cashier, former Dean's assistant, "A" average since the Junior High School, Index Editor of the "Gristmill," and Football.



Kenneth Lynn



"Babe" Neville



Nell Sawday

For Vice-President:

DAVE BENEDICT, like the other vice presidential candidates, is small and blond.

At present he is an assistant to Mr. Hanes, a candy salesman in the cafeteria, a member of the Boys' Glee Club, president of the Radio Club, and a "P. A." engineer. He is a former member of the S. F. A. A. and the orchestra.

BRUCE FIELDING, a chunky, "blond bombshell" of five feet six inches, has compiled a good record. A junior, he has been an assistant honor study hall adviser and a member of the Student Council, and is now a Booster and a member of the Congressional Club.

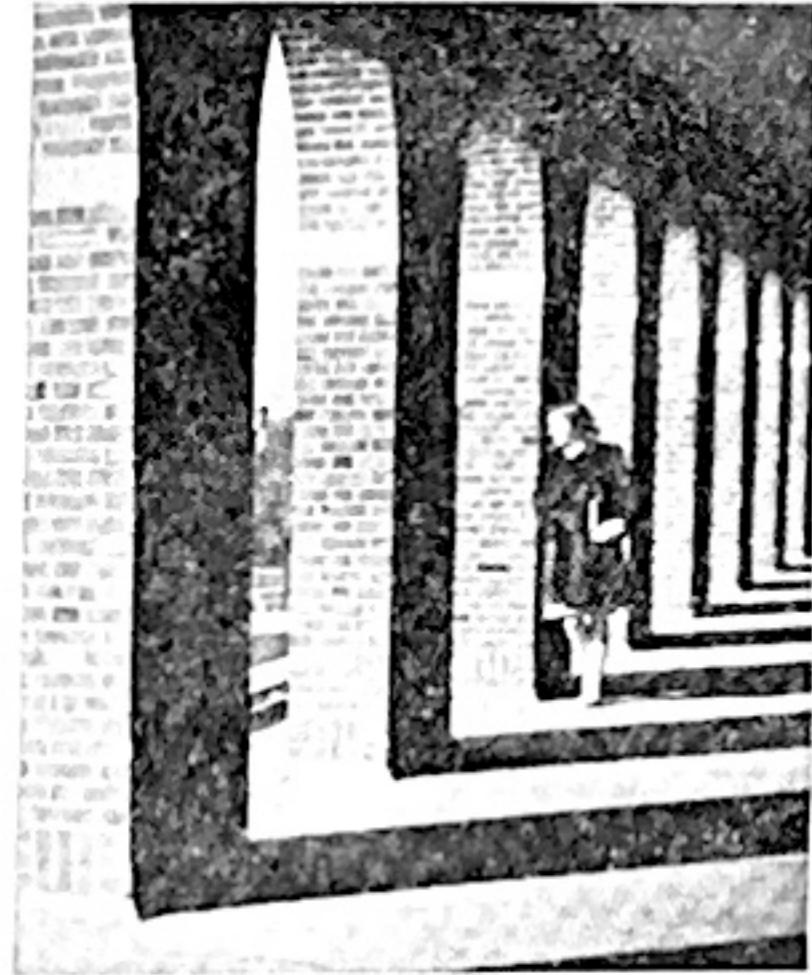
Bruce's idea of fun is painting his de luxe 1933 Ford phaeton (\$95, f.o.b. the nearest used-car lot).

BOB POST is famous for his unfailing smile. He, too, has a car (this machine age is wonderful)—a new, maroon Mercury convertible.

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"Archways"—J. Karnosh

"Machinist"—D. Dye



"Noon Dancing"—D. Dye



"Instructions"—C. Combs



"Whoozit?"—F. Sands



CROWD AWAITSTRIAL

Performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" Tonight and Saturday Night to Bolster Fund

"Trial by Jury," a Gilbert and Sullivan cantata, will be on the boards here tonight and Saturday evening as the spring production of the A Cappella chorus. The operetta brings to a close the annual Miriam Kerruish Stage scholarship fund campaign.

"Trial by Jury," directed by Reynold Ellis, is a typical, light, pleasing, Gilbert and Sullivan hit. The action takes place in an English courtroom, and is concerned with a breach of promise suit brought by a young lady against an equally youthful gentleman who has become embarrassingly entangled in two affairs of the heart. Both lovers seem destined to a sorrowful separation, but after many songs, pleadings, and explanations, a suitable solution is arrived at in the best approved manner.

There are more than ninety people in the cast. Inasmuch as two performances are being given, a different group of principles will perform each night. Several faces not



Elsie Cook

Jean Oswald

Coming Events

April 26-27—"Trial by Jury"
April 30—Primary Election
May 2—Shakerite-Faculty Baseball Game
May 3—"Twelfth Night"
May 3—Shares' Water Pagetnt
May 7—Student Council Election
May 8—Hampton Institute Quartet
May 9-10-11—"Room Service"
May 10—Sight-Saving Assembly
May 17—Junior Prom
May 20—P.-T. A. Meeting
May 21—Student Council Day
May 24—Next Shakerite

Juniors Engage Bob Pettay To Play for Prom, May 17

Bob Pettay has been engaged by the junior class for the Shaker Junior Prom on Friday, May 17, in the girls' gymnasium. Mrs Ruth Sacha is the faculty sponsor and working with her in charge of decorations are the social chairmen of the 11A class, Barbara Avery, and the 11B class, Marilyn Jones, with their respective committees: Libby Newhall, Bruce Fielding, Bill Porter, and Bob Ballus; Jack Stricker, Ralph Kovanda and George Webster.

Garvin in Capital; Wins Am. Legion Essay Trip

Shaker's Dave Garvin was among the twelve Ohio students who left on Saturday, April 20 for an eight day tour of the nation's capital and other historical landmarks of the East.

Garvin's essay on "The Bill of Rights—My Protection" was judged one of the twelve best of over 100,000 entries in the American Legion's statewide contest.

Two other Shakerites, Betty Golden and Bob Hubbard, also received high honors in this contest reaching the North-eastern Ohio district finals.

Attend Conference

Janet Dressler, Mary McCafferty, Elinor Mullaney, and Ruth Strong will join with representatives from fifty-six high schools of Greater Cleveland in a "model" peace conference at Western Reserve University, Saturday, April 27.

The plan of the conference is to

have each group of students represent one country, as in a peace conference at the end of the present war. Shaker's delegation will represent Yugoslavia.

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Recording-Maker Needed

How would you like to be thrilled by having your voice recorded? Your voice "on a platter" could be analyzed and its defects could be corrected. Besides its usefulness in speech improvements, the recording-maker machine could be used by the A Cappella Choir, band, foreign language department, and dramatic groups for recording selections or even entire programs.

We might have a benefit show, or we could charge the students a nickel each time they used the machine in order to raise the needed amount.

That a record-making machine is needed for progress in education is shown by the fact that Heights, Shaw, John Adams and many other high schools have already purchased this apparatus. If we are "to keep in step" with modern education, this practical machine is not a luxury but a necessity.

To Those Who Wish to Graduate

"Better late than never" is the attitude many students take toward their homework.

May is always a month full of last-minute projects to be handed in, studies to catch up, the Junior and Senior Proms, and exams, added to anticipated plans for summer vacation.

But in the last analysis, when prostrated seniors receive reports marked "failing" or "incomplete," how woefully those whose motto this has been will wish they had incorporated the following bit of sagacity: "—but, better never late!"

Orchestral Orchids to the Band

Everyone who attended the Shaker High School Band Concert April 5, knows what a splendid performance it was. To those who were not present the enthusiastic reports have been carried.

Mr. Jack O. Evans, director, and the band members spent many long hours of tedious, painstaking repetition in perfecting instrumental technique and integral harmony so that the concert might be presented.

We owe them sincere congratulations on their obvious success. Not only were the selections extremely popular with the audience, but the band achieved a perfection heretofore unattained. Solos were rendered with almost professional poise and confidence. The showmanship was excellent, especially in such numbers as the "Clock" novelty and "Pavanne." (It seems that Glenn Miller has a rival in Mr. Evans!)

Shaker High School has a band of which it may well be proud. To that band and to Mr. Jack Evans we say in genuine appreciation, "Orchids to you!"

Message in Morse Code

Franklin Morse



Well, Rob and Dox, looks like we've about wound up our year in office together. Here it is election time again, and the new boys now with their high hopes and enthusiasm will soon be setting out to break all the old records—like we set out to do. No matter which ones happen to be elected, this new bunch coming in will sure go far in boosting spirit here if they stick together and work together like ol' Jerry Ensign, Big Ben Gast, Dox and Roberts and the rest of the Shakerism crew have this year.

It's Your Victory!

And I wonder right now if everybody in Shaker feels the same way we do about the success of our Miriam Stage Fund Drive. I sure hope so, 'cause it's a good feeling. Now we can smile and say "our Shakerism has stood the test!" Many thanks to you for your loyal support!

"Trial By Jury" Tonight

And speakin' of success, that's our sincere

Letters to the Editor

South Euclid, Ohio,

April 2, 1940.

Miss Helen Ayers and Mr. Walter Haas, editors
The Shakerite
Shaker Heights High School

Dear Editors:

In reading your issue of March 15, 1940, I find you have an excellent group of letters to the editors.

I am very curious as to just how you stimulate enough interest to receive these letters. Was it through editorials such as "Shakerite Mailbox Overflow?" Did you prod and prompt students, or were the letters spontaneous?

I await with sincere interest the courtesy of your reply.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,
Miss Eileen Senning,
Editor-in-chief,
Brush High 'Arc-Lite'.

Editor's Reply:

Dear Miss Senning,

We are glad to say that our letters are unsolicited. The purpose of the column is to give the students a chance to express their ideas and suggest changes either in the paper or in the school.

With the dawn of the new spirit of Shakerism, editorials, and pep talks, it seems that the student body is becoming more desirous of writing "letters to the editor."

* * *

Dear Shakerite,

This year I have had a renewed interest in the Shakerite. I believe that interest can be attributed to the fact that you have used a great deal more space in the paper for pictures. It seems to me that photographs add a great deal to your paper as they stimulate more interest in the school.

I also believe your photo contest is a great factor in portraying the school life of Shaker and recommend that it become an annual tradition.

Sincerely,
Betty Danforth.

Editor's Reply:

Dear Miss Danforth,

We appreciate your recognition of the conscientious effort we have made to include more pictures in the Shakerite. We realize that pictures add interest for everyone.

Due to the rapid gain of popularity in the field of photography, we trust that with momentum already acquired similar contests will be sponsored by us in the future.

All's Well That Ends Well

Come, join me in this durance vile,
Walk in, sit down, and stay awhile.
When four o'clock doth roll around
The hour of freedom bells will sound
And I, with many a merry shout,
Will yell, "Hooray, seventh period's out!"

Virginia Graham.

Spotlighting the Seniors

If his laughter causes a merry riot, you can be sure that you are giggling with DONALD WRAY.

* * *

If she is always in a confused hurry, you won't have to make a fifty-yard dash to discover it's NANCY GUYER.

* * *

If you always see him standing by a different locker it won't be anyone else but, BILL BAECKLER.

* * *

If she tosses her head like "Scarlett O'Hara" whenever she speaks, JOANN JULIEN is talking.

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If you are flattered because he always takes time to address you by your first name, even though he hardly knows you, you'll remember his is ROBERT WINCHELL.

* * *

If you are impressed with his "big-business-like" attitude, it belongs to NEAL SCHNALTTER.

* * *

If you see her from a distance and think she's the movie queen, Bette Davis, in a black wig, you are wrong. She is EBLEN DIBRELL acting natural.

* * *

If he carries a couple hundred 7th period slips around with him, you are avoiding DICK LUTTENDEN.

* * *

If she is bubbling over with the latest joke, you'll know immediately JEAN SEITH is "wise-crackin'."

Suppressed Desires

"I just want to sit in the shade in a rocking chair and eat hotdogs and drink coca-cola."

Thus stated Mr. Thraikill when questioned on the subject of suppressed desires. Other such answers were along the same line or were very serious. "I've wanted for a long time to go up in northern Michigan fishing, \$500 to put in a home work shop, and time to work in the workshop." So said Mr. Storms.

"Mr. Harbourt, in dead seriousness, replied to our mystification, "To write a dialectic comparable to Hagel's for scientific humanism; to grow a 25 point Etoile d'Hollande or Chateau du Clos Vougeot."

A little lighter was Mr. Miller's reply, after considering those unfit for print, "to take a rocket trip to Mars."

At the first request, Mr. Parks had no statement to make, but a little later, this remarkable answer was handed in, "To have a class of boys in Trigonometry and Solid who had as much interest in Mathematics as they had in history (dates)."

As a big surprise came, "To teach in a women's college where all the women are winners of beauty contests," courtesy of Dr. Dunham, while Mr. Starr said "I would like to play the title role in Hamlet."

Doc Meyers has been trying to go fishing since March, but it seems that the ice has presented a somewhat overwhelming obstacle.

If anybody has a solution to certain problems please see Mr. Haines as his lifelong ambition is to be able to travel far and wide and everywhere.

Speaking of far off ports Mr. Raefeld announced that he would like to spend six years on the beach at Waikiki "unalone."

"I wish I could throw an ink bottle at the P. A. system when the warning chimes ring." Yes, you guessed it, that came from Mr. Ames. Violent, isn't he?

Mr. French in desperation replied that he wished he could make the cute answers that Mr. Harbourt can.

The one who summed it all up in a nutshell was Mr. Staiger who replied "to be so situated that I could fulfill my suppressed desires, and I could mean you."

P. S. Mr. Henry and Mr. Ellis were unable to reply.

Bedford Bows to Shaker 62-54 After Loss of First Home Meet

Red Raiders Have Excellent Track Material
But Irregular Practice Has Weakened Team

Loss of Shaker's first dual meet in five years to Cathedral Latin last Friday at Shaker was followed by a Red Raider triumph over

Bedford 62-54, on Wednesday, at Bedford.

The Latin meet was the only home meet of the season and was won by the Lions 56-35. The hundred yard dash was almost a dead heat when Ed Procop of Latin, high point man of the meet, barely nosed out Mary Schultz at the tape. Coach Art Francis states that "Shaker has wonderful material which shouldn't lose

meets, but the boys just won't practice regularly."

Ed Nyfenger of Shaker has gathered 20 points in the last two meets, taking firsts in the mile and half mile events. Ed was the hard luck boy of the Arena meet, when he was forced to run an extra lap in the mile run due to the judges' miscount. Even so he won the event.

The triangular meet at Bedford with Maple Heights was won by Shaker 62 1/2-54 1/2 with Maple Heights forfeiting Ben Gast, warming up for the Mansfield Relays, put the shot 49 feet 7 1/4 inches with only three throws.

Shaker meets Rocky River and John Hay today in a triangular meet at Rocky River. Nyfenger will not compete though, as Coach Francis believes he should rest for the Mansfield Relays tomorrow.

Shaker Ping-Pongers Tie Rhodes in Close Match

In an effort to break a tie, Saturday, April 20, the table tennis teams of Shaker and Rhodes high schools again deadlocked to become co-champions of the Greater Cleveland scholastic ping-pong league. Each finished with twelve wins, two ties, and one defeat.

The match was one of the closest of the season. Shaker's first doubles team, Joe Miller and Harold Karklin, came within one point of defeat before finally winning. Tied two up in games, the score was 20 to 19 in favor of Rhodes when Karklin bet the match on a backhand slam, and made it good. Shaker then took the next two points to win.

Andrew Baggaley and Jack Coleman lost a close one to George Metzger and Norman West of Rhodes, 21-19, 17-21, 21-19, 16-21. After losing the first game Mort Rosen won the next three to finish the season undefeated. In other matches Miller won first singles; Karklin lost, for the first time this season, and Herman Frankel of Shaker was defeated.

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Red Raiders Drop Hockey; Varsity Awards Presented

The latest report from the ice hockey front definitely sights no future for Shaker High hockey. Lack of practice facilities will force the Red Raiders from competition in the Metropolitan Division of the Scholastic Hockey League, according to Principal R. B. Patin.

Varsity letters have been awarded to the following boys of the hockey teams: Sheldon Clark, Joe Gaglione, Jack Williams, Dave Williams, Don Brockway, Herb Ervin, Wally Haas, Kev Cochrane, Mary Schultz, and Bob Thobaben.

Special recognition was given to Fred Brandt, gold medalist, Bob Harris and Jack Strome, silver medalists, and Ronald Parikh for two years service as manager.

For the first time monograms were presented and the recipients were Larry Brennan, Frank LaZelle, Chuck Carmony, Jack Bender, Don Tritton, and Warren Strong.

Baseball Here Again

It's here again! Well almost here. The girls baseball season has officially opened but has been called off on account of rain—or snow. The rules for winning points are the same as they have been in previous years. Each girl must turn out for 8 practices and participate in all the games in order to win 100 points.

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Sideline Slants

By Bob Winchell

With two strikes on them already, members of the faculty baseball team are girding themselves for their forthcoming game with members of the Shakerite staff. The teachers were challenged by the "news-hawks" and have agreed to play five innings of softball on Thursday, May 2 to settle the affair. Among those playing for the pedagogues



W.W. II

in this crucial match will be Mrs. Lommen, Mr. Moritz, Mr. Starr, Mr. Francis, Mr. Storms, and Mr. Henry.

The teachers will be fighting for their second victory of the year. The first was obtained a few weeks ago when they defeated a picked team from the Girls' Leaders' Club in a basketball game. Unlike the first contest though, the admission will be free and all students are invited to take part in the cheering or heckling as the case may be.

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For those of you who are wondering why Shaker has no spring football practice, here is the explanation. League rules state that no school shall have both spring and fall training, and because fall training is more beneficial to the players spring practice is omitted.

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Q.—Why did Russia, in the early part of their war, remind you of our star miler Ed Nyfenger?

A.—Because after much running around, they both end up at the Finish line.

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Around this time of the year most sports writers feel that urge to climb out on the proverbial limb and predict the way the big league teams will end up their season: But not this columnist. Past experiences has given us a batting average of .000, so we swear off this time.

P. S. Yanks first, Indians second, Red Sox third, White Sox fourth, Tigers fifth, Senators sixth, Athletics seventh, and Browns eighth.

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Incidentally, the Shakerite staff will accept challenges to games by any other club or organization in school. Anybody interested?



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Annual Mansfield and Salem Relays Await Shaker Trackmen; Medley Team Sights Repetition of Victory

Seeking to repeat the successes of former years in the Mansfield and Salem Relays, Coach Francis plans to take a few outstanding track men to each of these meets. Sure to be point getters are Ed Nyfenger in the mile and Ben Gast in the shot put. In addition Coach Francis plans to take Marvin Schultz to both relays and Jack Kinney, Tom Deuring, and Jack Fitzgerald to the Salem Relays.

Inasmuch as athletes from six states will be represented, Shaker will probably make only a fair showing. The Mansfield Relays, which are probably the most important meet in the country next to the various state meets, and the Salem Relays draw some of the best talent. Winners of the different events will receive a 17-jewel Elgin wrist watch.

Last year Shaker placed only one man in the Mansfield Relays, but captured the Salem Medley Relay. In the medley relay each team enters four men. One runs the mile, one the half-mile, one the 440, and one the 220. This year Ed Nyfenger will run the mile, Jack Kinney the half-mile, Marvin Schultz the 440, and either Tom Deuring or Jack Fitzgerald the 220. Shaker's hitherto unsung hero of the shot put, Ben Gast, will seek to equal or surpass his winning throw of 47 feet 11 1/4 inches in the Arena meet.

Gast will probably be able to make a good showing for himself, inasmuch as his throw in the Arena meet was the best in any division. Nyfenger will also compete for honors in the mile run.

Shaker Track Schedule

April 26—Hay at Rocky River
April 27—Mansfield Re. at Mans.
May 4—Salem Relays at Salem
May 7—Orange* at Orange
May 11—L. Erie League at Elyria
May 14—Lorain* at Lorain
May 18—Dis. Meet at T. Edison
May 25—State Meet at Columbus
May 31—Hilltop Meet at C. Hts.

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Girls to Redecorate Old Social Room

The newly-formed All-Girls' Loyalty League of Shaker at a recent meeting prepared to undertake their project for the year: the redecoration of the social room. Over four hundred girls, already divided into smaller units of approximately twenty members, pledged their co-operation and discussed plans.

Sallie Baus, league leader, declared that students have not respected the room, previous to this, because it was neither comfortable nor attractive. "If we can create a friendly, home-like atmosphere," she stated, "I am sure that everyone will show his appreciation by keeping the room in good order."

This year the league will attempt only the preliminary work, that of carpeting and curtaining the room and painting the walls. Committees will plan the color scheme, purchase the materials, and, make the curtains.

The girls will do all the work themselves, but there will be some expenses. Since there are no available funds, money will be raised by contributions from the student body. Boxes for these contributions will be placed near the cashier in the lunchline.

Next year the league will undertake to complete the room with furniture designed to harmonize with the decorations.

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Besides being president of his 12B class, Bob has been a Council representative, an honor study hall adviser, and has held office in the Travel Club.

Bob receives straight "A's" and is noted for a mania for growing beards.

For Secretary:

DAVE THRAILKILL, whom you will remember as captain of our cheerleaders, has been on the Student Council for two years, and is at present chairman of the handbook committee. He also has been president of his homeroom, vice president of his sophomore class, and a Booster.

His long, streaming locks are the result of an abhorrence for haircuts. Dave's current preoccupation is his hot record collection.

CHUCK KING, tall, dark, and handsome, though he is, is no lady-killer. (So he says.) He counters Dave's preference for lots of hair with the statement that he favors "heinie" haircuts.

Chuck, who was president of the junior high, has been a Booster, a cheerleader, and has played "B" squad basketball and sophomore football since he has been in high school.

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Betty Danforth



Davy McCall

The Rostrum Club, sponsored by Mrs. Strela, has become the battlefield to determine who will represent Shaker in that novel series of "bull-sessions" over WHK each week.

Shaker went to the first session with John Harrison, Betty Danforth, Davy McCall, and Fleming Blair. According to John, cokes and wafers were introduced to lighten the party.

After a studio assistant had blinded the clock, approximately 25 minutes of discussion followed. Then by the broad grin on the engineer's face, it was supposed that they were "on."

The week of April 16, Shaker sent Molly White and Fleming Blair to decide "Who Shall Go to College." Two more broadcasts remain in the series.

Shaker Students Hear 'Met'

One hundred forty-three Shaker High pupils attended the Metropolitan Grand Opera at Public Hall, Friday, April 12. They heard Hilda Burke as the leading character in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

Two Shaker Girls Awarded Scholarships at Mather

Ruth Joseph of Home Room 303 and Jane Schleicher of Home Room 312 were each awarded a \$100 scholarship in a recent competitive scholarship examination conducted by Flora Stone Mather College.

Of the seventy-three who competed for the scholarship, seven Greater Cleveland students received awards.

Show Lighting Phenomena

Mr. William Hamden and Mr. George Kunel, from the Nela Park Institute, gave a lecture on modern incandescent lighting during the flexible period April 10. On the program was a review of the progress of lighting from the time of Edison to the present. Demonstrations were made showing methods of controlling various kinds of light beams and their uses.

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Shaker Band in Music Fete

Shaker High School's class A band will participate in a music festival, May 4, at 1 o'clock, at John Hay High School. Greater Cleveland high schools will participate and receive constructive criticism.

April 17 at a student conducting contest Frank Opatny received a second place and Lucille Miller, a third place. The orchestra directed was a Federal Music Project.

April 28, the band will play at the Methodist church, 30th and Euclid, at 7:30 p. m.

Confucius Say—

(Censored)

Dance at

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to

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and

Sunday, April 28

(Change of orchestras every weekend until the regular season opening with STAN WOOD on June 7)

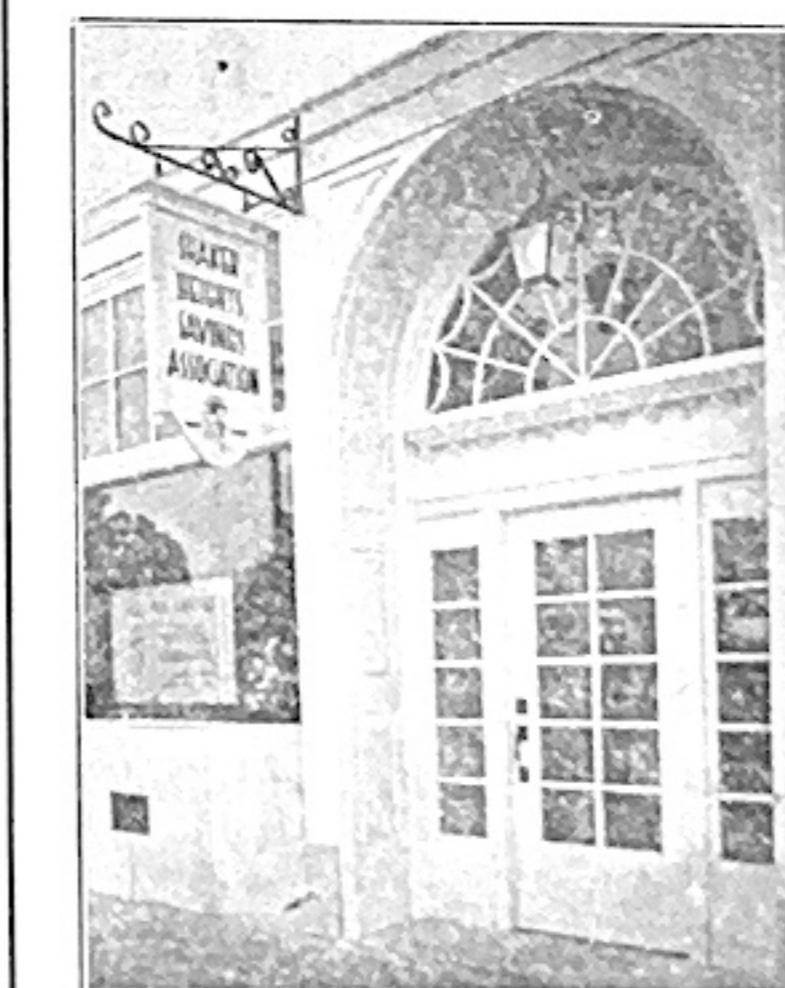
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Marriage Topic of Lectures at Plymouth

Every Sunday night at 7:15 the younger set of Shaker Heights has been holding an informal, lecture series concerning everyday problems. These forums, under the direction of Reverend James Lotz, are held at Plymouth Church for the benefit of the younger people of the community, who are all cordially invited to attend.

The topics for discussion during the remainder of the series are: "Planning Marriage," April 28; "Dating and Romance," May 5, 12, 19; and, "Marriage," May 26.

Music Club Holds Recital

The last meeting of the S. F. A. A. was held at the home of Ann Mulcahy, Tuesday, April 9. Ann and Betsy Roberts sang, and Benson Breitman played the violin. Edith Warner completed the program with a piano solo. The guests at this meeting were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller and Miss Theresa Johnston.

Dramatize 'Room Service'

"Room Service" by John Murray and Allan Boretz is being presented on the nights of May 9, 10, and 11 in the Shaker Heights High School auditorium by the Shaker Players. This is the last of a series of plays which have been interpreted by this group.

Two Win Typing Contest

Gladys Carter and Ruth Anne Abele were the winners in an accuracy contest held by Mr. Henry in his fourth period 11B and 11A typing class. Gladys won the first prize, a combination leather autograph book and diary, and Ruth Anne was runner-up, receiving the phonograph record "Wham."

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